

Application No. 10/736,151
Amendment dated August 15, 2006
Reply to final Office Action of February 15, 2006

Docket No.: 30521/3060A

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11 and 13 remain pending in the application. Claims 8, 9 and 12 are canceled as being incorporated into independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. Claims 14-32 are canceled to advance prosecution of the application.

The final Office action indicated claims 9 and 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 11 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 9 and 12, respectively, and therefore the applicant submits the claims are now allowable.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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